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Honorable J. Howard Edmondson,
Governor of Oklahoma,
Executive Chambers
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Governor Edmondson:

Thank you very much for your letter of 21 December concerning the invitation for me to address the Regional Strategy Seminar on Saturday morning, 18 February, and to speak at the Annual Dinner of the Reserve Officers Association in the evening of the same day.

As I told Mayor Norick, Major Jennings and Mr. Gaylord, I sincerely regret that I will be unable to attend. In view of my official position, it is necessary for me to restrict my speaking engagements to the various government service schools except on a rare occasion when I make an outside talk. Unfortunately, I cannot make an additional commitment at this time.

I greatly appreciate your courtesy in asking me to visit Oklahoma City.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,



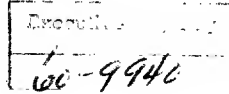
Allen W. Dulles
Director

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EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

J. HOWARD EDMONDSON
GOVERNOR

OKLAHOMA CITY

December 21, 1960

The Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

With great pleasure and eagerness I wish to personally urge you to accept the joint invitation of Oklahoma City and the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Reserve Officers Association, to come to Oklahoma's capital city for the events of February 18, 1961.

You must surely know that because of the unusual patriotic nature of our people (a heritage of our recent pioneer past) you are greatly admired in this state. The keen interest and warm hospitality with which you will be received will prove, I believe, to be a most gratifying experience. Your visit would make our City proud, indeed.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. Howard Edmondson".

J. Howard Edmondson
Governor

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